

knob (11) including a locking means (15) it allows to lower manually the upper part onto the posts (13), which includes an upper plate (7) provided with the friction rubber strips (18) pressing a lid and preventing it to slide, when the lower plate (3) turns it allows automatically the jar (2) and the upper plate (7) to turn, which activates a gear rack (9) allowing the upper jaws (6) provided with non-skid rubber strips (20) to squeeze the lid until the jar (2) be unscrewed.--; and change “to” to --the--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

In the amendment filed January 24, 2003, cancel claims 2-3.

Add the following new claims:

4. A semi-automatic jar opener made up of a lower part including a run button activating an electric motor mounted under said lower part, which allows a lower plate to turn and activate a gear rack allowing the lower jaws provided with non-skid rubber strips to squeeze a jar according to the desired size, when said jar turns the friction rubber strips prevent it from sliding, and when the jar is unscrewed said electric motor stops automatically.

5. The semi-automatic jar opener of the claim 4 includes the vertical jagged posts which are mounted onto said lower part and engaged inside the

apertures of an upper part including a base with an extension on which is mounted a shaft passing through gears and knobs, which in pulling on the knob including a locking means it allows to lower manually said upper part onto the posts.

6. The upper part of the claim **5** includes an upper plate provided with the friction rubber strips pressing a lid and preventing it to slide, when said lower plate turns it allows automatically said jar and said upper plate to turn, and which activates a gear rack allowing the upper jaws provided with non-skid rubber strips to squeeze the lid until the jar be unscrewed.

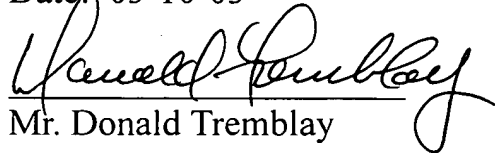
7. The extension of the base from the upper part of the claim **5** allows said means locking to block the knob when the jar is removed from said semi-automatic jar opener.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Cancel figures 1-6 and add the following new figures 1-6.

Respectfully submitted,

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